

Senate Bill No. 480

CHAPTER 990

An act to add Division 25 (commencing with Section 25000) to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care coverage.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 480, Solis. Health care coverage.

Existing law provides for the regulation of health care providers by various state agencies.

This bill would require the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency to submit a report to the Legislature, on or before December 1, 2001, concerning the results of the process established to examine the options for providing universal health care coverage.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Division 25 (commencing with Section 25000) is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

DIVISION 25. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

25000. It is the intent of the Legislature to create a process by which the options for achieving universal health care coverage can be thoroughly examined.

25001. The Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency shall report back to the Legislature on the options for achieving universal health care coverage, including:

- (a) The options for financing universal health coverage.
- (b) The institutional mechanism or mechanisms by which universal health coverage may be delivered.
- (c) The extent and scope of the health coverage which all California residents may have.

25002. To develop the options for achieving universal health care coverage described in Section 25001, the secretary shall establish a process by which these options are developed. The process shall at a minimum include the following:

- (a) The examination and utilization of research results from the study performed by the University of California with regard to methods of financing, delivering and defining universal health

coverage, done pursuant to the criteria in Senate Concurrent Resolution 100 of the 1997–1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(b) The examination and utilization of other data and information, as requested by the secretary or provided to the secretary, with regard to methods of financing, delivering, or defining universal health coverage.

(c) Developing a process by which representatives of health care consumers, providers, insurers, health care workers, advocates, counties, and all other interested parties are engaged in discussion and debate of the issues faced by the state in providing universal health coverage. The secretary shall develop the methods by which this discussion occurs, provided that it is broadly inclusive of all groups with an interest in universal health coverage.

(d) Interagency participation including, but not limited to, the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the Department of Finance, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Public Employees' Retirement System, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Corporations, the Department of Insurance, and any other appropriate agencies which the secretary determines can contribute to the effort to provide universal health coverage.

(e) Obtaining information from the United States Health Care Financing Administration regarding whether federal waivers or other forms of federal participation if necessary.

25003. The secretary shall report back to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2001, on the results of the process established to examine the options for providing universal health coverage.

